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burden. The restriction is proper where two criteria are present:

1. The inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and
2. There must be a serious burden on the Examiner if the restriction is not required.

Applicants respectfully submit that a serious burden has not been placed on the Examiner to consider all of the claims in a single application. A review of the subject matter set forth in the claims shows that they are substantially related. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that restriction is improper and request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

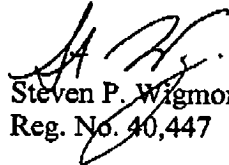
But in order to be responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect, with traverse, Claims 1-25 or the Group I Claims to be examined in the present application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his restriction requirement and act on all of the claims in the present application. If the Examiner does persist in his restriction requirement, Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application or applications directed to the Group II (Claims 26-59) at a later date if they so desire.

It is believed that the submission of this response completes the filing of all necessary papers. If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a

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telephone conference, or that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (404) 572-2884 is respectfully requested.

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